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2. Restriction on Fishing Vessels

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1. A factory in Walbrzych (Waldenburg) in the province of Silesia is making turrets and some steel sheets for the JS-2 tank. These items are sent to a factory in Czestochowa where the JS-2 tank is being produced under Soviet control and direction. These tanks are patterned after the Soviet model.
2. Polish fishing cutters are forbidden to pass the German Kiel Canal because the fishermen have used this opportunity to escape. Sometimes more than half of the crew has escaped, and the cutter has not been able to go to its fishing grounds. The cutter must, therefore, wait for a new crew or return to Swinoujscie. (Swinemuende).

Comment: It is considered very doubtful that the JS-2 or any other tanks is being produced in Poland. A recent report states that a plant in Czestochowa was converting the guns on T-34 tanks from 76mm. to 85 mm.

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